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SUBJ: REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF POV FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS

1. PRESENT MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF POV FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS IS \$0.11 PER MILE.

2. AMOUNT IS UNREALISTIC IN LIGHT OF RISING COST OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS, AUTO REPAIR COSTS AND GASOLINE PRICES. FOR EXAMPLE, CURRENT REGULAR GAS COST ON OPEN MARKET IS 4.90 AS PER LITER OR APPROX. \$0.90 PER GALLON AND SUPER IS 5.60 AS PER LITER OR APPROX. \$1.03 PER GALLON. REGULAR GAS DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO US REGULAR IN OCTANE RATING AND THEREFORE SUPER IS USED FOR AMERICAN CARS.

3. PROBLEM IS MOST SIGNIFICANT FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR DUTY FREE GAS WHICH ITSELF IS OVER \$0.70 PER GALLON. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION 5 LOCAL EMPLOYEES DRIVE POV'S ON A FULL TIME BASIS AND 2 OTHERS ON A PART TIME BASIS. AS G.O.V. NOT AVAILABLE, EVEN AT INCREASED COST THERE IS CLEAR ADVANTAGE TO USG TO UTILIZE POV'S RATHER THAN INCREASING OFFICIAL FLEET.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE ON SAME BASIS AS RATE ESTABLISHED BY AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

5. OFFICIAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES, EFFECTIVE 12/1/73, ARE BASED ON ENGINE SIZE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PASSENGER CARS UP TO 1000 CUBIC CENTIMETERS - 1.90 AS PER KM
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B. 1000 CUBIC CENTIMETERS TO 1500 - 2.25 "

C. 1500 " " " 2000 - 2.85 "
D. OVER 2000 " - 3.30 "

6. LARGE MAJORITY OF VEHICLES FALL IN CATEGORY B., MAKING AN
EFFECTIVE RATE, WHEN CONVERTED, OF \$0.18 PER MILE.

7. CALCULATIONS BASED ON EXCHANGE RATE FOR 1/10/74 OF AS20.50/US
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